



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
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Intentions This Weekend:

- **Saturday Liturgy: Cancelled due to Corona Virus.**
 - **Sunday Liturgy: Celebrated by Father Dennis and live streamed.**
- Please pray for:** Ron and Mary Talge, Marino De La Cruz, Nick Rahal, Gail Facas, Jerry Kaufman, Daniel Conigliaro, Carol Shasha, George Abbiati, Jr, Michael Flaherty, Sandy Flaherty, Mary Jane Facas, Amal Karam, Helen Villani, Anna Villani, Father Saba Shofany.

This Weekend	Saturday: Cancelled	Sunday: Cancelled	
Next Weekend	Saturday: Cancelled	Sunday: Cancelled	
April 5		\$670.00 In addition to the offertory: \$93 for candles. Also, a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave \$1,800 this week. Included was \$100 for the Holy Land, \$100 for flowers, and \$100 for the Building Fund.	
			<i>Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including fuel and building fund!</i>

Religious Education: Cancelled due to the Corona Virus.

Upcoming observances, events, and notes:

- **Sanctuary Lamp for April: Sponsored by Albert and Jamal Doro.** For everyone suffering from the Corona Virus and for all cancer patients and their families and friends, who do so much to support them.
- **Liturgy:** Sunday, April 19, for the peace and rest of the souls of Elias and Abla Jabbour, the dear mother and father of Joumana Hajj. Also, for her dearly departed sister, Jacqueline Jabbour Matta. May Their Memories Be Eternal!
- All services are cancelled, due to the Corona Virus, until we are safe to gather. Please check our Face Book and New Website, for recordings of the services for Holy Week and all Liturgies after Holy Week.

Thanks! I would like to thank **Paul Zalonski** and **Gerard Massad**, for making it possible for us to streamline our services through their equipment and expertise. Their work has been tremendous. Many thanks to Joumana Hajj, Gerard Massad, Paul Zalonski, Gus Hage, and Joe Doro for being cantors during Holy Week. Father Dennis

Thank you! Thank you to all who are mailing your donations, asking me to pick them up at their houses, delivering them to our door, and dropping them off in the mailbox and the St Jude Shrine collection box. I know many have lost their jobs, and it is so wonderful to see the devotion that you have to keep the church functioning. Father Dennis

To Our Anonymous Donor: May God bless this child of God. This sweet soul is donating a minimum of \$1500 a week to our parish! This person wants no recognition at all. Gifts of food are also regularly donated at the rectory door. Thank God for the generosity and commitment to our parish.

Message from Father Dennis: I know that we are all afraid of what is happening in our country, as a result of this terrible virus. Be safe, wear a mask, wear gloves, and follow the guidelines of our medical experts. Pray every day, either alone or with your families gathered around you by telephone and computer. We will get through this. If anyone wants me to hear their confession, just call to arrange a time. I heard confessions outside in front of our Blessed Shrine next to the barn last Saturday. The wind was blowing powerfully (hopefully blowing the virus off the face of the earth), and it was actually a beautiful way to receive this sacrament during this challenging time. Do not be afraid, come to confession, pray, and put your faith in the Lord, who knows all and controls all. Love, Father Dennis!

Message of Hope: So far, all of our parishioners have been protected from the virus. Some family members have contracted it, but, as far as I know, no St Ann Parishioner has been infected. We thank God for that. We, however, are saddened by all those who are sick and who have died. May God intervene and rid us of this terrible disease. Pray for the medical professionals who are God's instruments on earth. Pray for those who take care of the sick. Pray for our own parishioner, the **Blessed Nurse Rafka Hage**, who works at Beth Israel/Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and places her health in jeopardy every day taking care of the sick. She is the hand of God, working bravely to save lives.

May God be with us and protect us all! Father Dennis